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ATION OF AIR CARGO DATA

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FOR US REP ICAO

1. US REP SHOULD SUPPORT ICAO SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL IN
PARA 15 A) OF REFERENCED DOCUMENT THAT ATC TRANSMIT
TO LEGAL COMMITTEE DATA ON WEIGHT AND VALUE OF GOODS
MOVING BY AIR IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE COLLECTED TO DATE
BY SECRETARIAT.

2. IN DOING SO, US REP SHOULD EXPRESS VIEW THAT THE
STATISTICS IN QUESTION, BASED ON THE SUMMARY ANALYSIS,
APPARENTLY FAIL TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE DATA BASE FOR THE
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KIND OF ANALYSIS NEEDED TO BE GENUINELY HELPFUL TO LEGAL

COMMITTEE IN FACING KEY QUESTIONS ON REVISION OF WARSAW CARGO PROVISIONS. STATISTICS APPEAR BROADLY INDICATIVE OF SOME AIR CARGO TRENDS BUT ARE SO UNEVEN IN TERMS OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED, TIME PERIODS COVERED AND DETAIL PROVIDED THAT THEY DO NOT ANSWER THE NEEDS OF LEGAL COMMITTEE. WHAT IS NEEDED IS DATA ON AVERAGE VALUE PER POUND OR KILO BY COMMODITY GROUP, PREFERABLY TO THE FOUR-DIGIT LEVEL, FOR IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY AIR

IN ORDER TO ESTIMATE THE PERCENTAGES OF TRADE THAT MIGHT BE COVERED AT DIFFERENT LIABILITY LIMITS. MATERIAL PROVIDED IN APPENDIX 4 IS NOT SATISFACTORY FROM THIS STANDPOINT, FOR IT IS BASED ON EXTREMELY BROAD COMMODITY DESCRIPTIONS.

3. IF APPROPRIATE, US REP MAY NOTE THAT US HAS PROVIDED RAW DATA ON ITS IMPORTS AND EXPORTS BY AIR FOR 1971, FROM WHICH IT IS POSSIBLE TO ANALYZE AVERAGE VALUES FOR INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY GROUPS TO FOUR DIGITS AND ASCERTAIN PERCENTAGES OF TRADE COVERED AT DIFFERENT LIMITS. RAW DATA FOR 1972 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND SIMILAR DATA FOR 1973 WILL BECOME AVAILABLE ABOUT JULY 1.

4. US REP MAY AGREE TO PROPOSAL IN PARA 15 B) THAT SECRETARIAT REQUEST IATA TO OBTAIN FROM ITS MEMBER AIRLINES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION UNDER PART B OF LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TRANSMISSION TO LEGAL COMMITTEE.

5. US DELEGATE SHOULD SUGGEST THAT SINCE AIR CARGO COVERAGE IS WRITTEN PRIMARILY BY THE MARINE INSURANCE MARKET RATHER THAN THE AVIATION MARKET, ATC ASK THE SECRETARIAT TO REQUEST THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF MARINE INSURERS (IUMI) TO ENDEAVOR TO FURNISH THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR UNDER PART B OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE. KISSINGER

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